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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Oliver BECK, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/121,702

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For: HEATING OR AIR CONDITIONING
SYSTEM FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE



Group Art Unit: 3743

Examiner: J. Ford

Attorney Docket No.: 16906/183

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Amendment & Request for Reconsideration

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 5, 2000, kindly amend this application as noted below. A petition for extension of time and requisite fee accompany this response.

In the Claims

Kindly cancel claims 3 and 8 and amend claims 1, 4 and 6 to read as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) A heating or air-conditioning system for a motor vehicle, comprising:

a housing;

a heater that produces warm air situated within the housing;

[at least] two cold-air ducts formed in the housing, the cold-air ducts being routed laterally around both sides of the heater and each cold-air duct having an associated cold-air flap that controls air flow therethrough; and

partition walls within the housing, the partition walls forming four independent air-mixing chambers downstream of the heater in a direction of air flow, each individual mixing chamber including a warm-air control element that controls air flow therethrough